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c. 1902

Trinity A.M.E. Church
St. Michaels
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The Trinity A. M. E. Church is an important structure in the history of black religion in St. Michaels. Dating to the turn of the twentieth century, the single-story rectangular frame church is highlighted by door and window openings with small pediments. The interior is largely unaltered as well.

Construction of this weatherboarded frame church dates to 1902 when the Trustees of Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church purchased this lot from John S. Hambleton (139/60). The congregation remained active until the 1950s. In 1969 the property was turned over to another black congregation.

Survey No. #480

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The Trinity A.M.E. Church stands on southeast corner of North and Fremont streets in northern St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The single-story frame church faces north with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

The gable front frame church rests on a brick pier foundation and is sheathed with narrow weatherboard siding with a rounded lower edge. The steeply pitched roof is covered with a layer of corrugated tin.

The north (main) elevation is three bays across with a center entrance and flanking two over two sash windows. The entrance consists of double leaf two-panel doors topped by a four-light colored glass transom. The entrance, like the adjacent windows, is topped by a small pediment. Piercing the upper gable is a louvered vent also topped by a shallow pediment. The eaves to the roof are slightly extended and decorated at the base with sawn brackets.

The east and west sides of the church are essentially alike with a three-bay elevation of two over two sash windows. Each window is topped by a small pediment. An interior brick stack rises from the west side.

The south gable end is extended by a shorter single-story frame altar pierced with a pointed arch window. A concrete block addition has been added to the southwest corner.

The interior was not seen.

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The Trinity A.M.E. Church is an important structure in the history of black religion in St. Michaels. Dating to the turn of the twentieth century, the single-story rectangular frame church is highlighted by door and window openings with small pediments. The interior appeared to be largely unaltered. This structure is one of two historic black churches in St. Michaels.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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TRINITY A M E ZION CHURCH

Year: 1985 Vol: 605 Page: 955

From: Carroll Sneed & Jean F Sneed Price: \$75,000

To : E. Townsend Wright, Jr.

Notes: See deed and plat attached.

Conveyed to Carroll Sneed by Rev. James L. Eure, et al 1980,548/349. Also same property conveyed to Carroll Sneed by Charles Herbert Foggie,

Bishop of the Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1985,605/949.

Year: 1985 Vol: 605 Page: 949

From: Charles Herbert Foggie, Bishop of Trinity AME Church Price:

To : Carroll Sneed and Jean F Sneed

Notes: For title clearance. The description in this deed is that of the following title, 1969, 439/289. It consists of three parcels of which the Church was on number two. There do not appear to have been any structures on parcels 1 or 3 and the title of only parcel two will be traced.

The situation is confused. West Street (Fremont Street) is mentioned only in the 1985 deed to Townsend Wright and the description of that deed was written by the surveyor. It bears little relation to any of the previous deeds either in words or metes & bounds. For example, the frontage on North Avenue in Wright's deed is 176.85 feet. On all previous deeds this frontage totals only 163'3". West Street is not mentioned in the other deeds and the surveyor stated that since it was obvious the property was intended to extend to West Street...that is how they surveyed and described it!! Also, the location of the church is not mentioned. It is definitely not on parcel 1. Plotting puts it on parcel 2. And now it's gone...requiescat in pace!!

Year: 1980 Vol: 548 Page: 349

From: Rev. James L Eure, Bishop of the HTCG&CESM Price:

To : Carroll Sneed & Jean F Sneed of Baltimore

Notes: Same description.

Conveyed to the HTCG&CESM by the Trustees of the Trinity AME Zion

Church of St. Michaels, 1969, 439/289.

HTCG&CESM = HOLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD AND CHRIST OF THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND

Year: 1969 Vol: 439 Page: 289

From: Trustees of Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Price: \$5

To : Reverend James L Eure and trustees of HTCGCESM Notes: See deed, attached. The church was on Parcel 2.

The full name of the grantee is: "HOLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD AND CHRIST OF THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND". The deed has a condition that the land must always be used for a church.

Conveyed to the Trustees of the Trinity AME Zion Church by John S Hambleton et al 1902, 139/60.

Year: 1902 Vol: 139 Page: 60 From: John S Hambleton Price:

To : Trustees of Trinity AME Zion Church Notes: Description same as 1969, 439/289.

"Part of Elliott's Lot belonging to Philemon T Hambleton and descended

through Edward O Hambleton and P T Hambleton to John S Hambleton, Susan Harrison

and Rebecca West."

See Kennard's house and Union AME Church back to 1695.

THIS DEED, Made this II H. day of Octobers in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five, by CARROLL SNEED and JEAN F. SNEED, his wife, Grantors.

WITNESSETH, That for and in consideration of the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said CARROLL SNEED and JEAN F. SNEED, his wife, do hereby grant and convey unto E. TOWNSEND WRIGHT, JR., his heirs and assigns, in fee simple, the following described property, to-wit:

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BEGINNING for the same at an Iron Rod found on the westerly side of Talbot Street, said kod being at the southeasterly corner of the herein described land and the northeasterly corner of the land now or formerly that of Clara Ulivia Polk (Liber 349, Folio 168), and from said Place of beginning running by and with the said Polk land, the following two courses and distances: (1) North 88 degrees 43 minutes 31 seconds West 105.00 feet to an Iron Rod found; thence (2) South 00 degrees 20 minutes 44 seconds West 32.00 feet to an Iron Kod found and the land of Joseph 1. Williams and Anna Thomas Williams (Liber 262, Folio 552); chence (3) by and with the said Williams Land, North 88 degrees 13 minutes 57 seconds West 74.00 feet to an Iron Rod set and the side of West Street (Fremont Street); thence (4) by and with the easterly side of said West Street, North 10 degrees 09 minutes 07 seconds West 64.79 feet to an Iron Kod set and the side of North Avenue; thence (5) by and with the southerly side of said North Avenue, South 89 degrees 46 minutes 21 seconds East 176.85 feet to an Iron Rod set and the side of the aforementioned Talbot Street; thence (6) by and with the westerly side of said Talbot Street, south 20 degrees 59 minutes 26 seconds East 38.23 feet to the Place of Beginning containing 8,557 Square Feet of land, more or less, according to a survey made by McCrone and dated September 23, 1985.

BEING the same propert, conveyed to Carroll Sneed and Jean F. Sneed by Deed from Rev. James L. Eure, et al, dated August 28, 1980 and recorded among the Land xecords of Talbot County, Maryland in Liber 548, Folio 349.

ALSO BEING the same property which was conveyed unto Carroll Sneed and Jean F. Sneed by Charles Herbert Foggle, Bishop of the Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church by Deed dated September 3, 1985 about to be recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County, Maryland.

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THIS DEED, made this and day of April, 1969, by and between the TRUSTEES OF TRINITY AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH, of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland, a corporation of the State of Maryland, Grantor, and REVEREND JAMES L. EURE, MARY ELIZABETH EURE, ESTHER M. MAGORS, HARRIET BOONE, ALBERTA COONE, JAMES L. EURE, JR., HENRY APPELBY and CLARENCE WALLACE, TRUSTEES OF THE HOLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD AND CHRIST OF THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND, a body corporate, Grantees.

WHEREAS, the hereinbelow described property has been used as a church, circuit or station by the Trustees of Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, a corporation, but has been for sometime without a pastor, and the membership of said church, circuit or station has withdrawn and scattered and there is no congregation and no need for an appointment of a preacher to said place; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, the conference in which said church is located has passed a resolution declaring said church, circuit or station discontinued or abandoned and ordering the sale of the property; and

WHEREAS, said resolution and sale have been approved by the Bishop and the Bishop of the District has been authorized to give a deed to the purchaser for said property:

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS DEED WITNESSETH, that in consideration of the premises, the sum of Five (\$5.00) Dollars and other good

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and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said Trustees of Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, a corporation, hereby grants and conveys unto Reverend James L. Eure, Mary Elizabeth Eure, Esther M. Magors, Harriet Boone, Alberta Coone, James L. Eure, Jr., Henry Appelby and Clarence Wallace, Trustees of the Holy Temple Church of God and Christ of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, a corporation, and to its successors and assigns, (and the official successors of the individual trustees), in fee simple, all those lots of land situate on the West side of Talbot Street in the Town of St. Michaels, Talbot County, and described as follows:

PARCEL NO. 1: BEGINNING for the same at the northeast corner of the Mary L. Trusty lot and running thence northeasterly with Talbot Street aforesaid 31' 6" to North Avenue; thence with said North Avenue westwardly 80' 6" to the land now or formerly of the Grantor; thence with the said last mentioned land southwardly 20' 6" to said Trusty land; thence with the said Trusty land eastwardly 88' 6" to the place of beginning.

BEING the same lot or parcel of land that was conveyed unto Trustees of Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church by Horace M. Turner, et al., by deed dated March 21, 1912 and recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County in Liber No. 161, Folio 414.

PARCEL NO. 2: BEGINNING for same on the South side of North Avenue, at the northwest corner of a lot of ground owned by Rachel A. R. Fairbank and running Southwardly with said Fairbank lot 53' 6" thence Westwardly 37', thence northwardly

HERRY, HERRY & ADKING ATTOMOTE AT LAW 54' 9" to said North Avenue, thence eastwardly with said Avenue 41' 9" to the place of beginning.

BEING the same lot or parcel of land which was conveyed unto the Trustees of Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church by John S. Hambleton, et al., by Deed dated October 21, 1902 and recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County in Liber FGW No. 139, folio 60.

PARCEL NO. 3: BEGINNING for same on the South side of
North Avenue, at the northwest corner of a lot owned by Rachel
A. R. Fairbank, and running thence southwardly 57' 6" to the
southwest corner of a lot owned by Mary L. Trusty; thence
westwardly 37' to the southeast corner of a lot conveyed to the
above named Trustees by John S. Hambleton et al., thence northwardly 54' 9" to said North Avenue, thence Eastwardly with said
Avenue 41' to the place of beginning.

BEING the same lot or parcel of land that was conveyed unto the Trustees of Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church by Rachel A. R. Fairbank, by Deed dated October 31, 1902 and recorded among the Land Records for Talbot County in Liber FGW No. 139, folio 58.

TOGETHER with the buildings and improvements thereupon erected and all the rights, ways, waters and appurtenances thereto belonging.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said land and premises in trust and to be used and kept or disposed of for the use and benefit of the ministry and membership of the said Trustees of the

HENRY, HENRY & ADKINS ATTOMETS AT LAW EASTON, HARTLAND Talbot-480 Trinity AME Zion Church Corner of Liberty St. & Railroad Ave. St. Michaels, MD 21663

1901

Access: Public

This church was erected in 1901. It is the only AME Zion church I know of in Talbot County (or the eastern shore of Maryland) It is now rented to a Holiness congregation. The church flourished in St. Michaels in the early twentieth century but was disbanded in the 1950's. AME Zion churches are found in the state's urban centers but made no inroads in the rural areas of the eastern shore where the Methodist Episcopal Church was firmly established.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

old Trinity AME Zion Church stands 10' from the corner of Liberty St. and Railroad Ave. The building fronts on Railroad Avenue and faces west. The wheatherboard building is unpainted and in only fair condition. The Church measures 22' across the front and is 42' in depth. The church has 2 small 3½' clear glass windows in the front facade. These lancet windows are on either side of the front entrance. The front door is a hollow door of recent construction.

There are four clear glass lancet windows on the north side of the building and four more identical windows on the south side. These windows measure 5'. At the rear of the building (east end) is an inset 4½' sacristy. This small addition has one-over-one clear glass rectangular windows in the north and south sides (4'). The building has composite shingles on the roof.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is the only AME Zion Church I know of on the eastern shore of Maryland. Trinity AME Zion has ceased to function as a congregation and is now rented to a fundamentalist congregation. The Church flourished in St. Michael's in the early part of the twentieth century but disbanded in the 1950's. AME Zion churches are common in Marylands urban centers ... Baltimore and Prince Georges County but made no inroads in the rural areas of the state. Trinity AME Zion is unique: it is the last remaining structure of that denomination in Talbot County.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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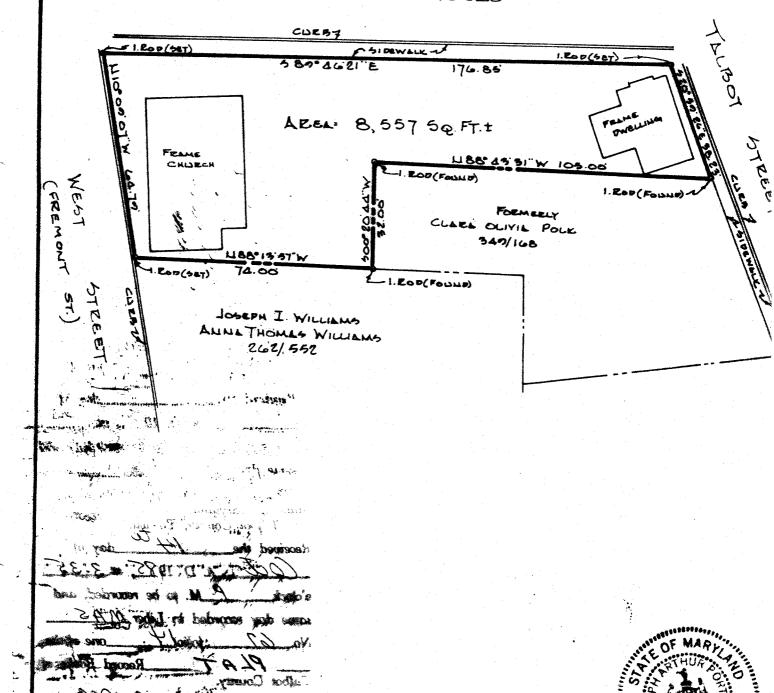
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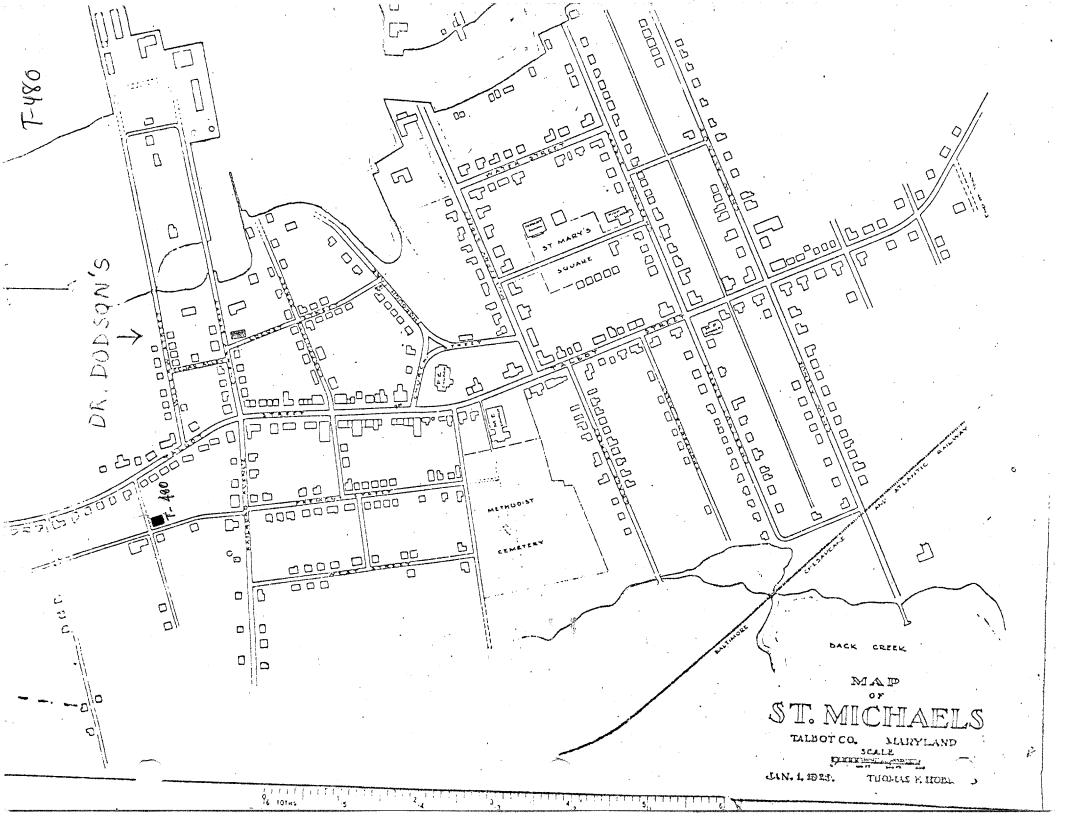
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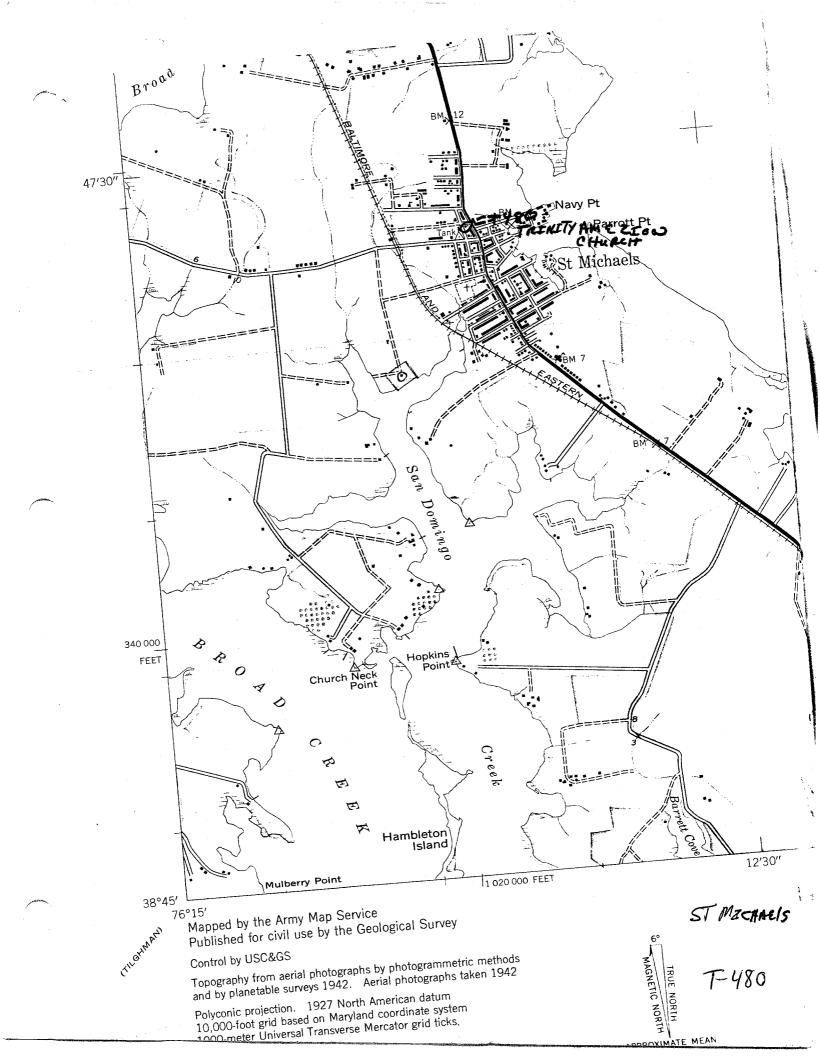
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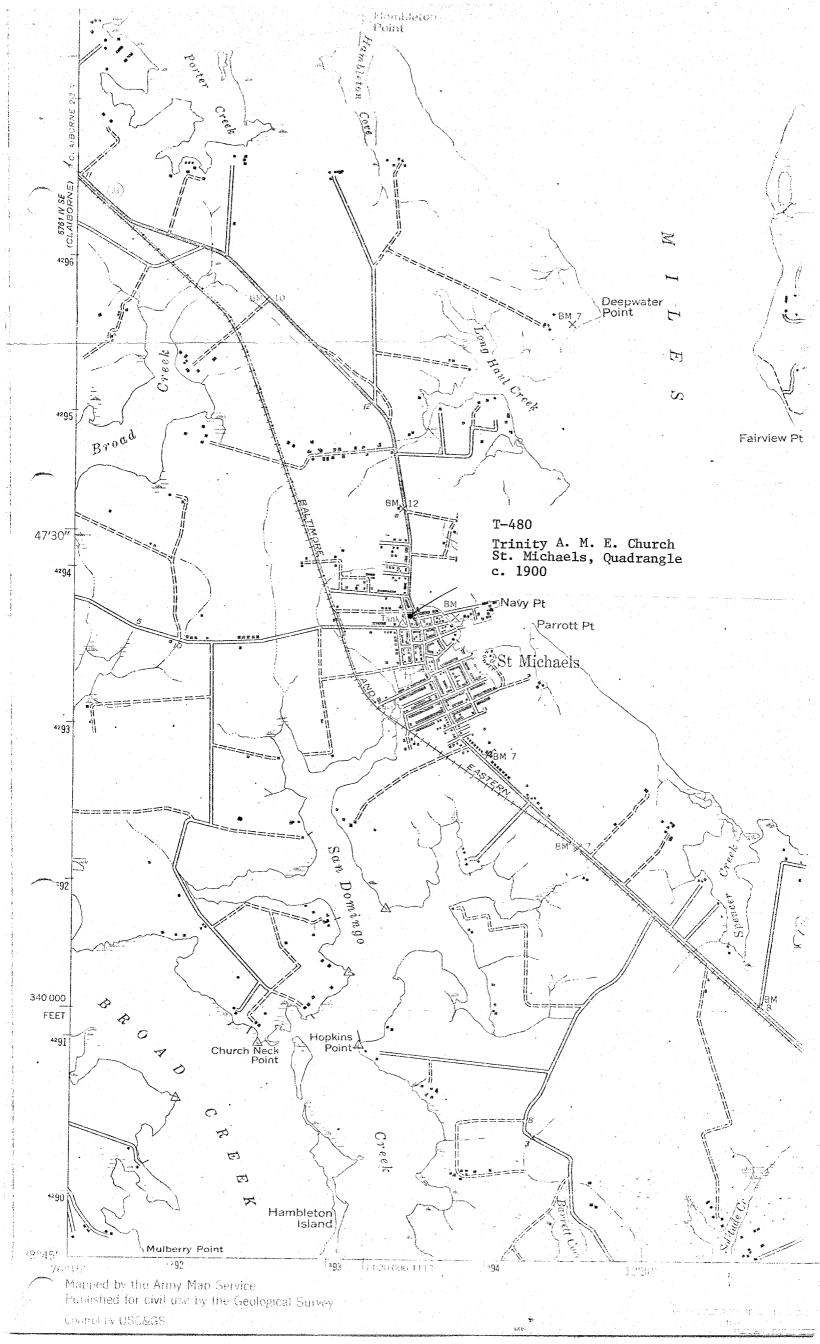
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